Nomination for Small Business Administrator

September 23, 1994

The President today announced his intention to nominate Philip Lader as Administrator of the Small Business Administration. He also announced that he would make the SBA Administrator a member of his Cabinet, effective when Mr. Lader takes office. The SBA Administrator is also a member of the National Economic Council.

"Phil is a great manager and motivator, and he knows business," the President said. "His extensive private sector experience as well as his work at OMB and in the White House make him an ideal candidate to head the SBA. Erskine Bowles turned SBA around after years of neglect. Phil is going to make it even better."

"I think it's well known how much I respect Phil Lader. My selection of Erskine Bowles and now Phil Lader for this job reflects my firm commitment to a strong SBA. This appointment and the elevation of the SBA Administrator to Cabinet status reflect my equally firm commitment to address the interests and concerns of our Nation's small business community."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Appointment of Deputy Chief of Staff for White House Operations

September 23, 1994

The President today named Erskine B. Bowles, currently the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, as his Deputy Chief of Staff for White House Operations. Mr. Bowles, who will also be an Assistant to the President, will take over his new responsibilities on October 3.

In the new White House staff structure, also announced today by Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta, Mr. Bowles will be responsible for internal White House operations as well as the day-to-day activities of the President and will oversee access to the Oval Office.

The offices reporting to him will be the Office of Scheduling and Advance, the Office of Management and Administration, the Of-

fice of Presidential Personnel, and the Office of the Staff Secretary, as well as the Director of Oval Office Operations.

"I am very excited that Erskine is coming to the White House," the President said. "As SBA Administrator, he turned around an agency that previous administrations had neglected. It has become a beacon of support for the Nation's small businesses, and it now responds with incredible speed and sensitivity to major disasters. Erskine will undoubtedly bring to the White House the same vigor and creativity with which he has headed the SBA."

NOTE: A biography of the appointee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality

September 23, 1994

The White House today announced a plan to reorganize the environmental operations within the Executive Office of the President by merging the Office on Environmental Policy (OEP) with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). In a move that will give continued strength to environmental policymaking in the administration, environmental activities will be consolidated under the Chair of the CEQ.

The President will nominate Kathleen A. (Katie) McGinty, currently Director of the Office on Environmental Policy, as Chair of the CEQ.

"I am pleased to nominate Katie as my new chair of the Council on Environmental Quality," the President said. "She has served this administration, the American people, and most of all the environment with skill and dedication. I am confident that Katie will continue to reflect my commitment to the environment in her new, expanded role."

The President continued, "This merger will enable us to advance our environmental agenda sensibly and effectively. Joining these two teams will make it easier to achieve the goals of economic growth and environmental protection."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.